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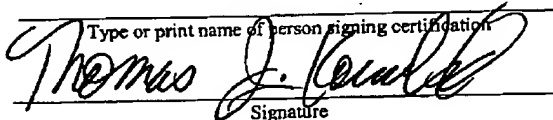
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WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2004, setting a three-month term  
for reply.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a one-month extension of the period for reply, *i.e.*, up to  
and including October 12, 2004 (as October 10 was a Sunday and October 11 was a holiday), is  
requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$55.00, in payment of the fee under 37  
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